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Tiger ready to come out of hiding

SPOTLIGHT Tiger Woods will end nearly three months of silence tomorrow when he speaks publicly for the first time since his middle-of-the-night car accident that sparked stunning revelations of infidelity.

However, his agent said Woods will not take any questions from a small group of media.

It will be Woods' first public appearance since Nov. 27, when he crashed his SUV into a tree outside his Florida home.

Woods is to speak at 11 a.m. tomorrow from the clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., home of the PGA Tour.

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Canada's Marianne St-Gelais celebrates after winning the Olympic silver medal in the women's 500-metre final in the short-track speedskating competition yesterday at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

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St-Gelais medals in Olympic 500-metre short-track race

Canada's powerhouse short-track speedskating team is on the board at the Winter Olympics.

Marianne St-Gelais of St-Felicien, Que., raced to a silver medal in the women's 500 metres yesterday at Pacific Coliseum. Chinese star Wang Meng cruised to gold in 43.048 seconds.

St-Gelais finished in 43.707 while Arianna Fontana of Italy took the bronze in 43.804.

"I just felt the greatest emotion of my life," said

"I just felt the greatest emotion of my life. I don't think I could have felt better if it was me winning the medal."

Charles Hamelin, St-Gelais' boyfriend

Charles Hamelin, St-Gelais' boyfriend and the top medal contender on the Canadian team. "I don't think I could have felt better if it was me winning the medal."

Hamelin was in the back, surrounded by journalists, watching the race on TV when she crossed

the finish line.

Canada missed a chance at two medals after Jessica Gregg of Edmonton finished fourth in 44.204.

Canada's top sprinter Kalyna Roberge of St-Etienne-de-Lauzon, Que., failed to make it to the medal race. She was fourth in the event four

years ago at the Turin Games.

Roberge and St-Gelais had a long embrace after the race.

In the men's 1,000-metre elimination heats, brothers Charles and Francois Hamelin advanced to the quarter-finals.

Charles Hamelin briefly held the Olympic record yesterday, but it was beaten a few heats later by South Korea's Sung Si-Bak.

Nicolas Bean of Ottawa also advanced for the Italian team. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Top lawyer for Williams

CRIME The Canadian military commander charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women near the eastern Ontario military base he oversaw has retained a top defence lawyer from Ottawa.

Michael Edelson will take on Col. Russell Williams' case, but will send an agent

to a scheduled video appearance in a Belleville court today.

Williams, 46, is being held without bail in the Quinte Detention Centre in nearby Napanee. He is charged with possessing and importing child pornography.

He also represented Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien, who was found not guilty last August of influence-peddling.

Edelson has represented over 55 clients charged with murder in his 29-year career, according to his website.

The charges have rocked the Canadian military and have left the communities in which the alleged crimes occurred shaken.

Williams, of Tweed, Ont., served as commander of Canada's largest military airfield, Canadian Forces Base Trenton, until his arrest Feb. 7 in Ottawa.

Police said they don't expect to release the cause of death for Lloyd or Comeau.

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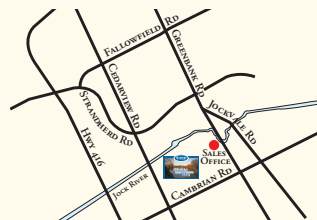
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Carleton student 10th to enter mayoral race

ELECTION Carleton University journalism student Charlie Taylor is the 10th person to enter the race for mayor in Ottawa.

The 32-year-old third-year journalism student said he is not happy with the way the current council is handling many of the issues. He said it appears as if corporations are more important than people. He would like to make the city more citizen friendly, he said.

The ballot is already getting crowded, with former provincial municipal affairs and housing minister Jim Watson and Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen leading an eclectic group of hopefuls.

"It's good. It gives people lots of options," said Taylor.

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Standing in the Canadian War Museum's newly restored Fordson emergency food van, Ottawa resident Mike Hind — whose mother, volunteer Peggy Hind, drove an emergency food van during the Second World War — and Friends of the Canadian War Museum president Bill Leach helped unveil the van yesterday.

War food van restored

Museum unveils vehicle used in Britain in '40s

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Ford donation

- In 1941, Henry and Edsel Ford decided to donate 450 emergency food vans to the people of Britain.

Ottawa resident Mike Hind was a young boy when his mother, YMCA volunteer Peggy Hind, began driving a tea car in Britain during the Second World War.

"Her job was to take the tea car around the marshes ... on the south side of the Thames River downstream from London during the day and night to serve tea and buns," he said.

When he learned that the Canadian War Museum and the Friends of the Canadian War Museum had embarked on a project

to restore a Fordson emergency food van — the only one of its kind in North America — he told them to keep him in the loop.

"It brings back connections to what she did during the war time," he said. "I'm very proud of her."

The museum unveiled its recently restored Fordson emergency food van, which was used in Britain during the Second World War, yesterday. The van

functioned as a mobile kitchen and was designed to deliver food and drink to both civilians and rescue workers at locations damaged by aerial bombing.

"The van is fairly rare," said Jim Whitham, manager of collections at the museum. "A lot of them get modified over time. To get one in this condition is a great find."

Built in 1940 and inspected by the King and Queen in 1941, the museum's van was "fairly solid to begin with," but thanks to \$15,000 in funding by the Friends of the Canadian War Museum, it was restored to its original configuration and is in operating condition, said Whitham.

OC Transpo rides close to fiscal target

BUDGET Despite the uncertainty brought on by last winter's transit strike, OC Transpo almost hit the bull's-eye with its fiscal targets, reported general manager Alain Mercier.

"We were within 0.03 per cent of our final target," Mercier told the transit committee yesterday.

The transit services operating budget for 2009 was nearly \$340 million.

Mercier said they increased their post-strike service beyond what they had budgeted for. That presented "significant cost pressure," he said.

However, they were able to lower fuel costs by 5.5 per cent, which Mercier attributed to the 97 new hybrid buses that went into service last fall.

Mercier also said that thanks to GPS tracking systems on buses, OC Transpo has been able to address many of the timing problems on several routes.

Mercier predicted a dramatic drop in early arrivals in April and June when "fundamental" system changes based on GPS tracking data take effect.

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News in brief

ROBBERY Ottawa police are seeking two males after suspects entered a drug store in the 1100 block of Klondike Road and dumped a large quantity of narcotics into a plastic bag Tuesday. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Stroller policy won't change, says committee

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The policy for managing strollers, wheelchairs and seniors in the co-operative seating area of OC Transpo buses is not going to change, the city's transit committee decided yesterday.

Both the seniors' and the accessibility advisory committees had suggested changes to the policy with respect to parents with children in strollers using that area.

The recommendations sparked strong backlash from parents with young children who rely on public transit to get around the city.

Daiva Greenidge said it seems like parents were being discriminated against since the committees were recommending that strollers not be allowed in the aisles, but that shopping carts were fine.

After dealing with the issue three months ago, committee members received the recommendations but stayed with the policy they approved back in November.

Parents with strollers will be asked to use the handicapped positions on city buses if the spots are available.



Daiva Greenidge, with her 21-month-old daughter, Grace, questioned why mothers should have to fold and stow strollers on OC Transpo buses, but people would not have to do the same with grocery carts.

If there is a wheelchair or a senior who needs that seat, the stroller can move to the aisle as long as they

are not blocking it.

If it does block the aisle, the stroller will have to be folded and stowed.

Separate crashes both require extrication

CRASHES Two separate collisions in which extrication was required left two people injured yesterday morning.

A 56-year-old man suffered a fractured collarbone and a cut to his head in a single-vehicle rollover on Hwy 174 near the Place d'Orleans exit at around 8:47 a.m.

Ottawa paramedics said

the man lost control of his car, which slid into the ditch and rolled over on its side. He is in serious but stable condition in hospital.

Minutes later, a 35-year-old driver suffered injuries to her hip and upper arm after her vehicle struck a light pole on Riverside Drive near Walkley Road.

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News in brief

SMOKES A Gatineau man was fined after being convicted in the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor for possessing almost half a million unmarked cigarettes last month. Peter Sheim was fined \$193,000 for the possession of 473,600 unmarked cigarettes.

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Biden in security scare at Games opening

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Canada



Home sales bounce back

The Canadian Real Estate Association says 25,671 homes were sold across the country in January. That's up 58 per cent from the same month in 2009, when the global credit crunch pounded consumer confidence and dried up buying and lending activity. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Games cauldron row on the boil

But will new viewing platform end complaints over chain-link fence?

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

The Olympic cauldron is even more ready for prime time. Or so Games organizers say.

The Vancouver officials have opened a rooftop viewing platform to give the public a better look at the cauldron.

They hope it will stem controversy over its location behind a chain-link fence. It may not.

Yesterday people were still angry a fence was put up in the first place.

"I would love it if they took down the fence," said Scott Crisp, who came to Vancouver from Victoria.

"It seems a little obscure

there would be a fence in front of the flame."

Now, about 150 people at a time can go up to the new platform on the roof of a one-storey building beside the plaza that is home to the 2010 cauldron.

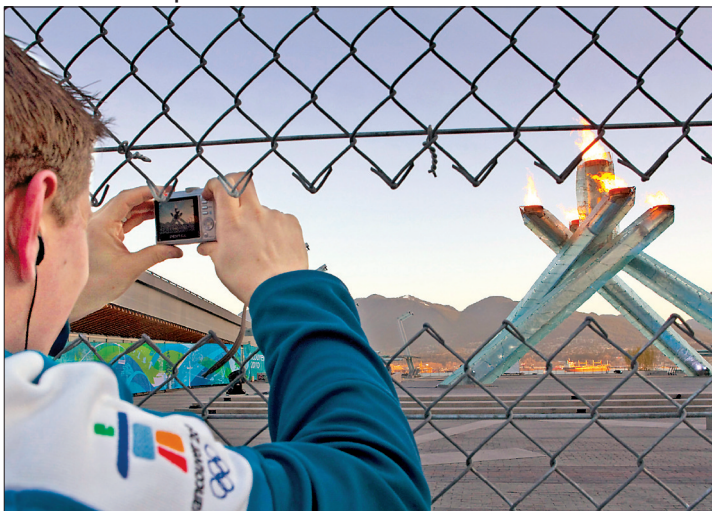
The fence that infuriated those who wanted to have a look at the Games icon will remain, however.

But it will be moved closer to the cauldron, allowing a better view.

Thousands of Olympic fans have been filing past the flame, which was lit by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky at the Games' opening ceremonies.

Most were surprised to find it originally behind a fence covered in blue-and-green Olympic bunting.

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A spectator views the Olympic cauldron through a hole in the hated chain-link fence yesterday.

Tories slapped over Khadr move

TERROR Opposition parties slammed the government yesterday for asking the U.S. to withhold any Canadian-gathered evidence against Omar Khadr, the accused terrorist held at the military prison in Guantanamo Bay.

NDP Leader Jack Layton called it a "slap in the face" to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The court ruled last month the government violated Khadr's constitutional rights by questioning him in U.S. custody.

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Court suspends results of election

Ukraine's presidential election results giving the victory to Russia-friendly Viktor Yanukovich were suspended yesterday pending review of his rival's appeal. Ukraine's Administrative Court said it would rule on the appeal of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, left, by Feb. 25, when lawmakers had planned to inaugurate Yanukovich. Tymoshenko has refused to concede, claiming the election was tainted by fraud.

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Eight of 10 U.S. missionaries released

HAITI Eight American missionaries charged with child kidnapping have been freed from a Haitian jail. The group, looking bedraggled and sweat-soaked, walked out of the Haitian jail just after dusk yesterday. Escorted by U.S. diplomats, they were taken to an American field hospital inside the airport. Once they were safely inside a transport vehicle they flashed smiles and gave a thumbs up.

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Cheerful slogans pepper Baghdad, but most are uneasy about dark days ahead of pending elections. Scan this code for the story.

France tries to make amends in Haiti

Former colonizers offer \$400M in aid, forgive debt as Sarkozy visits Port-au-Prince

Nicolas Sarkozy promised \$400 million US in aid for quake-stricken Haiti yesterday as he made the first visit ever by a French president to what was once his nation's richest colony.

"I want only to say to the Haitian people, 'You are not alone,'" Sarkozy said at a news conference on the grounds of Haiti's National Palace, one of many government buildings shattered by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Some Haitians see France's renewed interest in their nation as a counterbalance to the U.S., which has sent troops there three times in the past 16 years. But Sarkozy's visit is also reviving bitter memories of the crippling costs of Haiti's 1804 independence.

Haiti Crisis

A third of the population was killed in an uprising against exceptionally brutal slavery, an international embargo was imposed to deter slave revolts elsewhere and 90 million pieces of gold were demanded by Paris from the world's first black republic.

The debt hobbled Haiti for much of its history. Some people handed out fliers in the streets protesting Sarkozy's visit and blaming France for enslaving Haiti.

Sarkozy acknowledged the "wounds of colonization" during comments at the undamaged French Em-



French President Nicolas Sarkozy greets earthquake survivors in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

bassy, and later said, "I know well the story of our countries on the question of debt."

With an eye on that old grievance, France has already said it was cancelling

all of Haiti's \$77 million debt to Paris. The aid package also will include reconstruction money, emergency aid and \$40 million in support for the Haitian government's budget.

History

• In 1825, crippled by an international embargo, Haiti agreed to pay France 150 million francs for the lost "property" — including slaves — of French plantation owners. Haiti did not finish paying the debilitating debt until 1947.

Sarkozy said Haiti needs a reconstruction plan that bolsters the outlying provinces to help shift people away from Port-au-Prince, the Caribbean's most densely populated capital. He said one reason the death toll was so high was that the city was not built to sustain such a large population.

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Taliban increasing use of human shields

AFGHANISTAN Taliban fighters holding out in the town of Marjah are increasingly using civilians as human shields, firing from compounds where U.S. and Afghan forces can clearly see women and children on rooftops or in windows, Afghan and U.S. troops said yesterday.

The intermingling of fighters and civilians also has been witnessed by Associated Press journalists. It is part of a Taliban effort to exploit strict NATO rules against endangering innocent lives to impede the allied advance through the town in Helmand province.

Two more NATO service members were killed in the Marjah operation yesterday, the alliance said in a state-

ment without identifying them by nationality.

Their deaths brought to six NATO service members and one Afghan soldier who have been killed since the attack on Marjah, the hub of the Taliban's southern logistics and drug-smuggling network, began Saturday. About 40 insurgents have been killed, Helmand Gov. Gulab Mangal said.

NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay of Canada told journalists in Belgium that most of the objectives have been achieved. "Perhaps the pocket in the western side of Marjah still gives freedom of movement to the Taliban, but that is the extent of their movement," he said.

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News in brief


MALAYSIA Authorities caned three Muslim women for having extramarital sex, making them the first women in the country to receive such punishment under Islamic law, an official said yesterday. Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein did not release details of their identities or when they had been sentenced but said that one of the women was released last week after spending a month in prison.

ITALY The Shroud sells. That seems to be how celebrations are shaping up in the former Olympic city of Turin, when the archdiocese this spring displays the Shroud of Turin. At least one million reservations from around the world have already poured in to secure three to five minutes to admire the cloth, organizers of the April 10 to May 23 showing said yesterday.


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Shifting protocols of saying goodbye

Relating

Steve Collins

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Modern life is geographically scattered, computer mediated and subject to change without notice. When it's time to say goodbye, tradition can't always tell us how to

say it.

On Christmas Day, a favourite aunt died. She'd been deprived by illness of her faculties years ago. We had already been forced to make our peace with losing this funny, lively woman. When it came, the final goodbye was more of a formality, and no funeral was held.

I understood the decision of my uncle, who had spent the last years caring for her, largely alone, when she could no longer do so herself. There was little left to be said.

Last month, I said goodbye to someone I'd never met. One of the posters on an Internet message board I frequent died young and suddenly, leaving people who had known him only from words on the screen in a distinctive blue font suddenly wrestling with a weird sort of grief.

The site itself is no encounter group. Its denizens pride themselves on a coarse, flame-happy humour and level of discourse about as low as found anywhere on the Net. Those who had given

him the hardest time online, however, were among those most stunned by his death.

One poster took up a collection to defray funeral expenses and sent a wreath on our behalf to his no doubt surprised family, and another drove two hours and across the border to the service itself, to give the rest of us a firsthand account of the send-off for our friend we'd never met. The acquaintance was virtual but the loss strangely real.

On Valentine's Day, I lost

an old dog who was sort of mine. Courtesy of the jury-rigged terms of a family split, he spent his weekends with us, leaving the suburbs for a downtown apartment. (I wrote a eulogy for a friend's dog last summer in this column, and I promise not to make a habit of canine obits, but please bear with me.)

It's funny how these improvised arrangements over the years can enter the very warp and, uh, woof of one's life. New routines and rhythms emerge, and they soon feel like

they've always been there. The apartment is too quiet now, and the leash lies on a chair, never again to promise a walk and elicit frantic jumps with its jingle.

There was no funeral, just sad practicalities. I wrapped him in a bedsheet and carried him to the car and the animal hospital, honoured to be his pallbearer.

The rituals may change, but goodbye never does.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Teens and the F-word: What's next for feminism?

FourthWave

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This past weekend, I led a workshop on online journalism as part of Shameless Magazine's Wire, a series that teaches high school girls the fundamentals of journalism. I learned what exactly it is teens do on the Internet (lots of Facebook, it turns out) and met some probable future feminists.

As an exercise, the dozen or so participants created a group blog — and in the entries I found some glimpses into the minds of 16-year-olds: The

sexist origins of Barbie (originally a sex toy for men, not a plaything for girls); why Valentine's Day sucks (who needs to be one-half of a lovesick pair of puppies?); and the addictive qualities of Facebook (a Petri dish for self-expression, as well as narcissism, jealousy and bragging).

In conversations, I learned that some felt limited in their ambitions, encouraged by parents to choose law or engineering over the volatile world of journalism. Attending this workshop, perhaps, was an assertion of who they were and want to be.

Allison Martell, the organizer of Shameless Wire, told me that most of the girls never used the F-word, but noted that even if not in name, their opinions often overlapped with

basic feminist concepts.

It got me thinking: These girls are already questioning how Barbies, relationships and our online identities define them — yet they didn't need to use feminist as a title.

Feminism can be tracked in waves: The first was suffrage; the second was liberation of the housewife; the third is the intersection of gender with race, sexuality and socioeconomics. The fourth wave doesn't yet exist, but already the principles of the former waves are infused within women's psyches — so what's next?

As blogger Jessica Valenti predicted in a New York Times interview, the next wave is online activism. And about women's roles, rights and responsibilities. The Internet is informa-

tion democracy — blogs upon blogs upon Twitter feeds connect people talking about global, social, cultural and personal politics. Individualism and opinion, so celebrated these days, can refashion feminism (and other political activism) as an inclusive belief, not a rarified academic pursuit. If people don't like what they see, they can add to the conversation.

To the girls I met, the usual talking points about careers and working mothers are a given, not an option.

They've moved into post-"feminism," as it's still defined, and it's time for feminists to as well.

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Rogers Q4 profit: \$310M

Smartphones help push revenue up

Rogers Communications Inc.'s fast-growing wireless division — seller of Apple's iPhone and other smartphones — helped push up revenues as the company reported a fourth-quarter profit of \$310 million.

Revenue from wireless data for services like email, texting and Internet surfing contributed almost 25 per cent of Roger's revenues in the most recent quarter, Rogers said yesterday.

"It's no longer in any

way, shape or form a trivial part of the business," Rogers Wireless president Rob Bruce said during a conference call.

"It's absolutely the growth engine of the wireless business," he said.

Rogers also announced that it is hiking its dividend and renewing a stock buyback program that will allow the Toronto-based company to cancel up to \$1.5 billion worth of its publicly traded B shares in the coming year.

"We delivered another very solid quarter's results despite the challenging economy and an increase in competitive environment in Q4," president and chief executive Nadir Mohamed told analysts.

The annualized dividend paid by Rogers will rise to \$1.28 per class A voting share and class B non-voting share, or 32 cents per quarter — up from the previous annualized rate of \$1.16 per share.

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Hotels Trump facing trouble



Celebrity real-estate developer Donald Trump (shown with wife Melania Knauss yesterday) and investor Carl Icahn are heading for a faceoff in bankruptcy court next week that could determine the fate of Trump's namesake Atlantic City hotel-casinos.

Last year was sunny for WestJet

EARNINGS WestJet Airlines Ltd. will add capacity to sunny holiday spots in the face of continuing pressure on fares it can charge with in Canada.

But despite the worst economic downturn in decades, WestJet ended 2009 with its 19th consecutive profitable quarter, though earnings and revenue were sharply lower than in 2008.

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Google makes changes after Buzz raises online privacy concerns

ONLINE A privacy watchdog group complained to U.S. regulators on Tuesday about Google's new Buzz social networking service,

saying it violates federal consumer protection law. The Electronic Privacy Information Centre filed its complaint just days af-

ter Google Inc. altered the service to address mounting privacy concerns.

Since launching Google Buzz as part of Gmail a

week ago, the search company has come under fire for automatically creating public circles of friends for users based on their most

frequent Gmail contacts. Over the weekend, Google altered the service to merely suggest contacts for its users. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Lincecum, Giants finalize deal

Tim Lincecum and the San Francisco Giants have finalized their \$23-million US, two-year contract that avoided salary arbitration. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports

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Canadian Georges St. Pierre, top, battles Thiago Alves during their welterweight title bout at UFC 100 July 11, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MMA gets KO'd

Mixed martial arts fans gave Dalton McGuinty a virtual smack down yesterday after the Ontario premier said he's not ready to allow wildly popular Ultimate Fighting Championship events nor similar fights to be held in the province.

Despite the likelihood such matches would generate much-needed tax revenue for the cash-strapped province and jobs, McGuinty said it's "just not a priority."

"We have higher priorities when it comes to developing those jobs and strengthening the economy," said McGuinty, who has suggested in the past he was open to having mixed martial arts fights in Ontario.

"We have other things on the go right now, and we'll stay focused on those, whether that's our tax reforms, stimulating



The main bout in UFC's Australian debut should be an intriguing contrast in styles of the two top heavyweights. Scan this code for the story.

the economy through investments in infrastructure, getting our children better opportunities at the outset."

Despite a strong fan base in Ontario, mixed martial arts fighting — or MMA — has long been banned because it's considered to be prize fighting — making it illegal under the federal Criminal Code.

It can, however, be licensed by provincial and municipal athletics commissions, something that has happened in various provinces and U.S. states. MMA is one of the

world's fastest-growing spectator sports and the UFC, the sport's top promoter, has claimed an event in Toronto could generate \$4 million in tax revenue.

UFC president Dana White has called Canada the "mecca" of his sport, citing healthy ticket sales to Canadians for shows around North America and elsewhere.

The backlash online was fierce, with MMA enthusiasts trashing McGuinty for failing to support the sport.

"What is McGuinty talking about — not a priority? It's not like hosting a UFC event is some project the provincial government is going to organize, promote, host, etc.," said one posting on TSN.ca.

"All that's being asked is you pass one law so that it's not ILLEGAL."

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Sports in brief

DRUNK DRIVING Injured Edmonton Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin has been arrested in Arizona and charged with drunk driving. Police in Scottsdale say they stopped a black Ferrari for speeding Feb. 8. The officer who made the stop noticed a smell of alcohol on the driver's breath and made the arrest after a sobriety test.

FOOTBALL The Arena Football League, reborn under new leadership after folding last year, is already looking to add teams in Philadelphia, Southern California, Denver and

Pittsburgh.

NBA Amid reports of a three-way trade between Washington, Cleveland and the Los Angeles Clippers, Wizards forward Antawn Jamison left the arena right before Washington's game with Minnesota.

NBA The agent for Amare Stoudemire says he expects the all-star forward to be traded by today's 3 p.m. ET deadline, with Cleveland and Miami the most likely destinations. Happy Walters told The Associated Press that it would make no sense for the Phoenix Suns

not to trade Stoudemire, only to see him walk away as a free agent at the end of the season.

SOCCER Porto took advantage of two goalkeeping blunders to beat Arsenal 2-1 in the Champions League yesterday. Bayern Munich made it 13 victories in a row in all competitions by beating Fiorentina 2-1 in Munich.

NFL The Cleveland Browns have released running back Jamal Lewis. Lewis' season ended Dec. 2 when he was placed on injured reserve with post-concussion symptoms.

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Vancouver Games

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Davis defends 1,000-metre gold

American Shani Davis defended his Olympic title in the men's 1,000-metre long-track speedskating competition, while Canadian Denny Morrison finished a disappointing 13th yesterday.

The world record holder in the event, Davis finished first in one minute 8.94 seconds.

South Korea's Mo Tae-Bum, who won gold earlier this week in the 500 metres, was second in 1:09.12. American Chad Hedrick took the bronze in 1:09.32.

Morrison, from Fort St.

John, B.C., finished 13th in 1:10.30 while veteran teammate Jeremy Wotherpoon was 14th in his final Olympic race with a time of 1:10.35.

This was expected to be the first of three medals for Morrison at the Vancouver Games and he'll need to get his head straight for the next event, the 1,500 on Saturday.

"It'll linger for about 10 minutes," he said. "I'll get back to the changeroom, maybe throw around some things. But I have to use it for the 1,500, obvi-



Shani Davis, from the USA, celebrates after winning gold in the men's long-track 1,000-metre event yesterday.

ously I want to get on the podium there."

Other Canadian competitors also fared poorly. Francois-Olivier Roberge of St-Nicolas, Que., was 20th while Kyle Parrott of Minnedosa, Man., was 24th.

Comedian Stephen Colbert, who has made the U.S. team his pet project, watched from the stands at the Richmond Olympic Oval just south of Vancouver.

He threw his hands in the air in celebration as Davis won gold.

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MedalCount				
NATION	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
U.S.	4	3	5	12
Germany	3	4	2	9
France	2	1	4	7
South Korea	3	2	0	5
Canada	2	2	1	5
Norway	1	2	2	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
Austria	0	2	2	4
China	1	1	1	3
Russia	1	1	1	3
Italy	0	1	2	3
Sweden	2	0	0	2
Slovakia	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Poland	0	2	0	2
Japan	0	1	1	2

Chan wakes up to face daunting challenge

FIGURE SKATING Patrick Chan went back to his room Tuesday night, watched some TV and had no trouble falling asleep.

Yesterday morning was like waking up to lousy weather. Reality had rolled in like dark clouds.

"I just kind of woke up this morning in a crappy mood," said the 19-year-old from Toronto.

Chan, who arrived in Vancouver lugging the heavy expectations as one of Canada's top medal contenders in figure skating, finds himself having to claw back from a disappointing seventh-place

finish in Tuesday's short program. He needs the skate of his life today to have any shot at the podium.



Patrick Chan

He was back on the practice ice at Trout Lake yesterday morning, hoping to shake off the effects of his disheartening short program that had him numb with disbelief only a few hours earlier.

Chan takes comfort in Jeffrey Buttle's performance at the 2006 Olympics in Italy — in sixth place after stumbling through his short program, the Canadian battled back to win a bronze medal.

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Women's downhill Gold for Vonn



Gold medalist Lindsey Vonn, right, and silver medalist Julia Mancuso, of the U.S., wave their country's flag yesterday as they celebrate after the women's downhill. The race saw several spectacular crashes, including one that resulted in Swedish standout Anja Paerson being taken to hospital. Vonn was hurt Feb. 2 and had hardly skied over the past two weeks.

TV Highlights

Noon: Men's curling
Canada vs. Sweden (Sportsnet).
1:20 p.m.: Biathlon
Women's 15 km individual gold medal (TSN).
3:30 p.m.: Alpine skiing
Women's super combined slalom gold medal (TSN).
4 p.m.: Speedskating
Women's long track 1,000 m gold medal (CTV).
4:20 p.m.: Biathlon
Men's 20 km individual gold medal (OLN).
5 p.m.: Women's curling
Canada vs. Germany (TSN).
7:30 p.m.: Men's hockey
Men's hockey Switzerland vs. Canada (CTV).
8 p.m.: Figure skating
Men's free skate gold medal (TSN).

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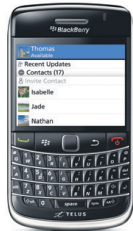
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Vancouver Games

Add another blowout to Canada's list

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Another hockey game, another trouncing.

Canada's women's team outshot, out-skated and outplayed Sweden to a 13-1 victory yesterday, in what was supposed to be a more evenly matched game than its blowouts over Switzerland and Slovakia.

Both teams were undefeated in the tournament leading up to the game.

But the Canadians dominated yesterday's game early on, securing a comfortable 5-0 lead in the first period and scoring seven more goals by the end of the second.

Swedish goalie Kim Martin could do little with the endless barrage of shots and was pulled halfway through the second.

The third period was

more evenly played, with both teams getting nine shots on net and scoring a goal apiece. Sweden's one goal came from Katarina Timlas on a power play.

But by then, the damage was done.

"(Canada) skated faster, passed better and had better shooting," said Peter Elander, head coach of Team Sweden. "They were completely better in all moments of the game."

Canadian head coach Melody Davidson said she's worried that blowouts like this may lead the IOC to conclude there isn't a deep enough talent pool to warrant the inclusion of women's hockey in future Games.

"We have a job to do here and we work hard all year to put together a team that can do that job," Davidson said. "(But) we're still conflicted, there's no two ways about it."

Men's hockey **Eyes on the puck**

Canada's Jarome Iginla, left, Rick Nash and Sidney Crosby watch a shootout yesterday during the men's ice hockey team practice at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games. Canada will take on Switzerland today.

Swiss looking for repeat of '06 against Canada

HOCKEY It was a moment Luca Sbisà will never forget.

Sitting at home in Switzerland four years ago, the teenager could hardly believe his eyes while watching the national team pull off a 2-0 upset victory over Team Canada at the Turin Games. Hockey players throughout the country swelled with pride.

"That's the biggest win in Swiss hockey history," said Sbisà. "A couple days before that they won against the Czech Republic, so that was already huge. Everyone was like, 'OK, they're already good, they're not getting criticized.' Then they beat the Canadians ... They got celebrated back home like heroes."

Having just turned 20,

Sbisà is the youngest men's hockey player competing at the Vancouver Games. He's part of the next wave of Swiss players who hope to carry their country's flag in North America. They're following in the footsteps of defence-man Mark Streit — the Swiss captain in Vancouver — and goaltenders David Aebischer, Martin Gerber and Jonas Hiller.

Heading into today's game against Team Canada (CTV, 7:30 p.m. ET), the Swiss are hoping for a repeat of 2006. "That's the same way we want to play here — we just want to rattle the opponents by not giving them much room and space," said Sbisà. "I think a lot of teams will underestimate us. I think that's our advantage, too."

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Angel of Death just one of many designs

HELMETS Three years ago, skeleton slider Patrick Shannon skidded too low into a whipsaw curve in Koenigssee, Germany, swooped up the track at maximum warp, and violently T-boned the ice wall. He cracked his helmet, broke his jaw and smashed his hip. There were ice burns all over his body and his face needed stitches.

He cheated death that day — so naturally he painted it on his helmet.

The result is a leering white skull highlighted in metallic green (to remind him of the green of Ireland) on a jet-black background.

His helmet is just one of many designs painted, air-brushed or taped on the lids of the world's skeleton sliders, who begin their quest for Olympic gold today with the first two of four heats on the Whistler Sliding Centre track.

Shannon said after the crash he was sitting at



Canada's Jeff Pain starts his run earlier this week during men's skeleton training at the Whistler Sliding Centre at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in Whistler.

home, wondering what to paint on the crown of his new helmet.

"I had a poster with the Grim Reaper as a skeleton figure, holding a scythe. So I thought, 'Angel of Death. Fantastic. I have to do it.'"

Calgary slider Jeff Pain, now in his third and final Olympic Games, was the painting trailblazer for Canada.

He saw American skele-

ton racer Jim Shea Jr., the gold medal winner at Salt Lake in 2002, with the American eagle on his helmet. "I saw that and thought it was kind of a cool idea. I added the Canadian humour to it and created the Raging Beaver."

Pain will again use a slightly altered beaver helmet during these Games.

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Canada's Bernard beats Japan to move to 2-0

CURLING The flair for the dramatic that Cheryl Bernard showed at the Canadian Olympic curling trials in Edmonton is back on display at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

Bernard notched her second consecutive win to start the women's Olympic curling tournament yesterday with a 7-6 decision over Japan's Moe Meguro.

The Calgary skip trailed 6-5 heading into the 10th end, but took out a Japanese rock with her hammer, scoring two and sending more than 5,000 boisterous fans into a frenzy.

Bernard battled back from an earlier 3-0 deficit.

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Sylvia Putz



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The notion of a ski chalet can be kind of silly for those of us who live in hill-challenged places, let alone anywhere remotely mountainous.

But still, we try. Some of us are actually people who love the winter, who physically engage in winter, and who enjoy the look of snow and ice sparkling in the trees on a frigid, sunny day.

I know some of you are thinking you'd rather be on a beach. Not a bad idea either, but still, I've always had a soft spot for the idea of a chalet — a cosy place for drinks with friends, fire-light and stomach-warming cheese fondues, après ski.

If you're a winter-lover

and you do end up with a chalet (you never know) — do one thing for me: Don't attempt the faux Swiss look. The thing about a chalet is that it should launch you into the great wintery outdoors in your own locality, and guess what? You don't live in Switzerland.

Instead, use local materials to make the connection to the environment just outside your window, such as stone for the fireplace, and local wood for pan-

elling. That way, it looks as if it belongs.

Keep the look light and airy, and avoid fussy or formal finishes. Use muted tones or white on the wall. Avoid too much dark or vibrant colour, or bright, shiny finishes. Remember a chalet should be simple and casual, a place to focus on relaxation and the great outdoors.

Rustic wood (usually cedar or pine) on the walls has traditionally been used to give a "chalet feel". To

avoid a dated look, try using it horizontally as wainscoting, or panel the ceiling. Exposed wooden ceiling or support beams in natural wood continue to look great.

Casual wooden furniture and cabinets in natural, lightly stained or white-washed wood is a good choice. Weathered barnboard can look sharp when combined with other natural finishes such as non-polished limestone, slate or soapstone.

Chalet tips

- A large front closet or storeroom with plenty of hooks to dry out and store all things recreational is a must to avoid messy clutter in the front hall.
- If you plan to entertain a lot, extra sleeping space and a bathroom for guests is handy, as well as a kitchen with plenty of counter space.
- A large and well-appointed bathroom is one feature that is always appreciated. A Jacuzzi tub or a sauna to help work out aches and pains after a day on the slopes is luxury. If you splurge anywhere, it should be here.
- Big picture windows (facing south, preferably) allow you to appreciate the winter wonderland.

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Path to first impressions

RENO While you may enter your home from a side door or through the garage, most new visitors enter through the front entrance. The walkway to the main entrance sets the tone for visitor's first impressions. If the walkway is deteriorating and in need of repairs it might be time to replace it.

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"The walkway to the main entrance sets the tone for visitor's first impressions. If the walkway is deteriorating and in need of repairs it might be time to replace it."

and withstands the elements.

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- Present no problems with snow removal. With pavers, you can plow, shovel or use a snow blower.

- Come in many shapes, colours and textures.

Some homeowners install smaller walkways themselves. Larger projects typically require hiring a trained contractor. The Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute website at icpi.org can provide further information on these topics.

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Visitors' first impression of your home will be the front door walkway.

Grants available for efficiency retrofits

RENO Are you renovating your house to become more energy efficient? Here are five easy steps to getting up to \$10,000 federal and provincial retrofit grants.

A residential energy assessment initiative has been developed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to help homeowners make retrofit choices that improve the comfort and energy efficiency of their home. AmeriSpec of Canada can help you qualify by following these five easy steps:

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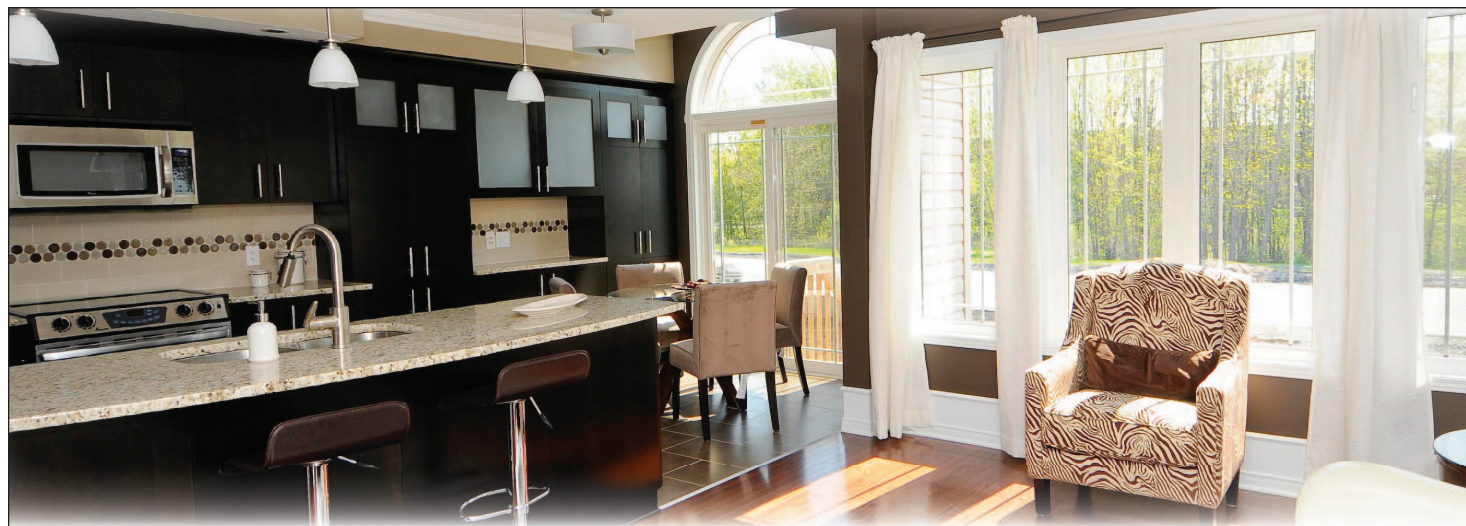
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Ralph Lauren's reindeer games

• The Winter Olympics will have a fashion undercurrent this year thanks to Ralph Lauren who has created a winter collection dedicated to the 2010 games. His eponymous brand has also outfitted the American team including the

figure skaters, bobsleders and skiers, among others. But no matter what country you're rooting for, this ivory reindeer sweater (\$398) will keep you warm and stylish as you watch the games.

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Entertainment



Lucky number

Taylor Swift is "obsessed" with the number 13. The hitmaker has reportedly been talked out of getting a tattoo of her favourite digit etched onto her arm.

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Page steps out of comfort zone

Art Of Time Ensemble With Steven Page

Album: A Singer Must Die
Label: Phormone Records
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

AN ONGOING CONCEPT,

Toronto's Art Of Time Ensemble commingle classical abilities with contemporary music and popular artists — this time former Barenaked Lady Steven Page — to re-imagine a number of songs. With *A Singer Must Die*, the collective's take on Page's selections are broad and sincere. The Mountain Goats' Lion's Teeth boasts bold theatricality, Elvis Costello's I

Want You is serene while grandiose best defines Page's own Running Out Of Ink. Yes, some tracks are outright odd (Weak-erthans/Radiohead) with Page reaching beyond his abilities and the ensemble becoming too extravagant but overall the union works, pushing Page outside of comfort zones.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Peter Gabriel

Album: Scratch My Back
Label: Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

AFTER GIVING US only two albums in the last 20 years, Peter Gabriel's



Former Barenaked Ladies frontman Steven Page teamed up with the Art Of Time Ensemble for his solo project, *A Singer Must Die*.

fans may be wondering why they had to wait so long for an album of covers. But after surprising people last year by name-dropping himself on his cover of Vampire Weekend's Cape Cod Kwassa

Kwassa, Gabriel finishes the job with songs by Arcade Fire, Radiohead, Bon Iver and Magnetic Fields, along with oldies like Lou Reed and Neil Young. Gabriel's quest for relevance produces some in-

teresting and even arresting results, but hearing one dour, orchestral arrangement after another fails to match the monkey-shocking range of his past. A disappointment considering the potential.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Yukon Blonde

Album: Yukon Blonde
Label: Nevado
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

COUNTLESS BANDS TRY to pull off CSNY, but only few do it well.



Luckily, Vancouver's Yukon Blonde pull it off. Their lush harmonies and infectious pop definitely

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take a page from the '60s stars, but they tackle Sloan, Midlake and other catchy rock acts too. It's all singable stuff, but Blood Cops, with its soaring Thrush Hermit-like chorus and layered "la la" vocals is a must hear.

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Aloha! Manning

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McQueen hanged himself

Coroner's inquest points to designer's suicide

Alexander McQueen hanged himself in his apartment on the eve of his mother's funeral after leaving behind a note, a coroner's inquest said yesterday in the first confirmation of details of the fashion designer's death.

The inquest — which has yet to formally rule McQueen's death a suicide — opened as London Fashion Week prepared to mark the passing of one of British fashion's brightest stars.

Coroner's official Lynda Martindill told the inquest at Westminster Coroners Court that 40-year-old McQueen died from asphyxiation and hanging.

Days before his body was found last Thursday, McQueen had left several messages on the social networking site Twitter revealing his grief at the death of his mother days earlier.

The designer's body was found in the armoire at his London apartment and was formally identified by his sister, Janet.

Police detective inspector Paul Armstrong told the inquest there were no suspicious circumstances.

After a five-minute hearing, coroner Paul Knapman adjourned the inquest until April 28. McQueen's family, who are now free to hold the designer's funeral, issued a statement through their lawyers appealing to the media to respect their privacy.

In Britain, inquests are held whenever someone dies violently or in unexplained circumstances.

McQueen's death has cast a shadow over London Fashion Week, which opens Friday. A spokeswoman said the event would feature a tribute to the designer, whose attention-grabbing designs helped re-energize British fashion after a fallow period following the punk explosion in the 1970s.

"There will be something simple and tasteful," she said. "The time for memorials will be later in the year."

She spoke on condition of anonymity because organizers are waiting for McQueen's family to approve the tribute.

Known for his dramatic statement pieces and impeccable tailoring, McQueen dressed celebrities from Cameron Diaz to Lady Gaga and influenced a generation of designers.

The son of a cab driver, McQueen grew up on a public housing estate in London's East End, left school at 16 and entered

the fashion world the old-fashioned way, as a teenage apprentice to a Saville Row tailor.

He later studied at Central St. Martin's art college in London and was discovered by fashion guru Isabella Blow, who bought his entire graduation collection. She became a friend and mentor; her suicide three years ago shook the designer, who wept openly at her funeral.

McQueen was a private man who avoided the lime-



Alexander McQueen

light but his Twitter postings show emotional tur-

moil after his mother's death on Feb. 2. McQueen had posted messages four days before his death about his "awful week," and said he had to "somehow pull myself together and finish."

His mother's funeral was held the day after McQueen died.

Friends also said he might have felt under pressure to outdo himself at the unveiling of his spring collection in Paris next month.

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Judges, from left, Simon Cowell, Ellen DeGeneres, Kara DioGuardi and Randy Jackson hold court on Fox TV's American Idol.

Judges send 7 to Idol's Top 24 heaven

TALENT CONTEST Seven American Idol contestants can stop worrying, for now: They're in the top 24.

The Fox TV singing contest revealed the first of the lucky semifinalists on Tuesday's show. They are: Didi Benami, 23, of Los Angeles; Lee Dewyze, 23, Mount Prospect, Ill.; Kate-Lyn Epperly, 19, West Des Moines, Iowa; Aaron Kelly, 16, Sonestown, Pa.; Casey James, 27, Fort Worth, Texas; Todrick Hall, 24, Arlington, Texas; and Michael "Big Mike" Lynche, 26, of Astoria, N.Y.

The other 17 semifinalists chosen by the show's four-judge panel were set to be revealed on Wednesday's episode in the culmination of Hollywood Week auditions.

Sentiment ruled Tuesday among the few who emerged from the remaining field of 71 contestants.

Lynche, who last week was shown listening in by cellphone as his wife gave birth to their daughter, had a message for the newborn: "Coming to take care of you. Big Daddy's coming."

Benami said she was competing with an "angel" on her side, her late best friend.

"She would have wanted to do this so much, and she never got the chance to. And I have the chance to do this," said Benami, who wept when the judges gave her a thumbs-up.

The judges, including newcomer Ellen DeGeneres, also ended dreams Tuesday. Some took it better than others.

"It wasn't my time right now," said a composed Shelby Dressel of Avon Park, Fla. The 19-year-old, who was born with partial facial paralysis, added: "Let people see, regardless of any insecurity, just be you."

Simon Cowell, marking his ninth and final season as judge, responded with an unusual flash of regret. "It's the wrong decision," he murmured.

Jessica Furney, 21, of Wamego, Kan., made a less graceful exit.

"I can do this. Do not send me home. I have it," pleaded Furney, who tried out last season as well.

The judges attempted to soothe her, with DeGeneres suggesting it wasn't the end of the road for her career. Furney was unmoved.

"How do you know that?" she demanded.

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'Heartless jerks': Palin's daughter to Family Guy

Sarah Palin is lashing out at the portrayal of a character with Down syndrome on the Fox animated comedy Family Guy.

In a Facebook posting headlined "Fox Hollywood — What a Disappointment," the 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee and current Fox News contributor said Sunday night's episode felt like

"another kick in the gut." Palin's youngest son, Trig, has Down syndrome.

The episode features the character Chris falling for a girl with Down syndrome. On a date, he asks what her parents do.

She replies: "My dad's an accountant, and my mom is the former governor of Alaska."

Palin resigned as Alaska

governor last summer.

Palin's oldest daughter, Bristol, also was quoted on her mother's Facebook page, calling the show's writers "heartless jerks."

"When you're the son or



daughter of a public figure, you have to develop thick skin. My siblings and I all have that, but insults directed at our youngest brother hurt too much for us to remain silent," she is quoted as saying.

"If the writers of a particularly pathetic cartoon show thought they were being clever in mocking my brother and my family yes-

"(Family Guy episode) another kick in the gut."

Sarah Palin

terday, they failed," Bristol Palin added in the Monday posting. "All they proved is that they're heartless jerks."

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Canadians Leonard Cohen and David Foster and key members of Earth, Wind & Fire are among those up for membership in the Songwriters Hall of Fame this year. The ceremony is set for June 17 in New York City. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cohen, Foster to join songwriters' hall

Actor working overtime

Jay Baruchel stars in serial killer thriller shooting in Montreal

With four films coming out practically back to back in the next few months, actor Jay Baruchel jokingly suggests he's worried about overexposure.

"It's been a heck of a year for me," he says on the set of the thriller he's shooting in his own Montreal neighbourhood. "I hope people don't get sick of me."

Baruchel is reteaming with his director and pal Jacob Tierney from *The Trotsky*, which hits theatres in May, for a character-driven feature about three people whose lives intersect when they become neighbours in a Montreal apartment building.

The film has the working title *Notre Dame de Grace*, named for the west-end Montreal district where Baruchel grew up and which he still calls home.

In it, three people — played by Baruchel, Scott Speedman and Emily Hampshire — cope with a serial killer who is terrorizing the neighbourhood. But

"It's been a heck of a year for me. I hope people don't get sick of me."

Jay Baruchel

none of them are any serious contestants for a Mr. Nice Guy contest either.

"If there's a good guy, I'm the good guy," says Baruchel, who plays Victor, an elementary school teacher.

"But I can't say I'm the good guy because my character's friggin' crazy. He's got his own issues."

"But compared to the other two, I am the good guy."

Baruchel says that's the genius of Tierney, who doesn't write good guy characters that are 100 per cent good and bad guys who are 100 per cent bad.

"When does that ever exist in reality?" says Baruchel, whose list of credits includes *Knocked*

Up and *Tropic Thunder*.

"He's created actual people and I love what he does, so to get the chance to inhabit another one of his beautiful characters is something that I'll always jump at."

That's echoed by Speedman, whose character was crippled in a car accident that killed his wife and left him in a wheelchair.

"He's a bad guy," Speedman says with a smile, confessing it's tough to describe the character without giving away too much of the plot — but he notes he may not be the worst person in the movie.

Playing someone confined to wheelchair was also a challenge for Speedman, who is often seen in physical roles in action films like *Underworld*.

"I think that's why Jacob wanted me to do it, to make me sit still for a while," he said. "It was challenging but not as much as I thought it would be. I got a wheelchair down



Actor Jay Baruchel poses for a photo during a break from shooting his new film *Notre Dame de Grace* in Montreal.

in L.A. for three or four weeks and rode around in it in my house and got acclimated and tried to figure

it out.

"It's pretty interesting how little you can really do."

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Rip Torn court date postponed

PEOPLE A judge has postponed actor Rip Torn's next court appearance until March, citing a scheduling conflict.

The *Men in Black* actor was to appear in court yesterday to enter pleas to burglary and firearms charges.

He is accused of breaking into a bank in his hometown of Salisbury, Conn., last month with a loaded revolver while intoxicated.

Torn has been in an alcohol rehabilitation program since shortly after his January arraignment.

Torn had received probation last year as part of a drunken driving case and also had alcohol-related arrests in the past.

Torn is now due in Litchfield Superior Court on March 9.

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McLaren turns life into CBC TV show

PEOPLE Globe and Mail writer Leah McLaren has turned her experiences as a London-based reporter into a TV pilot.

Abroad, starring Liane Balaban, is set to air on CBC-TV on March 14.

CBC says the movie focuses on Amy Pearce, a female reporter who takes a junior position at a London newspaper and struggles to understand English men. The two-hour production is a comedy pilot for a series in development.

Comedian Sean Cullen co-stars as an eccentric editor while Maury Chaykin plays a newspaper baron.

Abroad was shot in Toronto and London. McLaren wrote the pilot.

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Oscar planning is in high gear

MOVIES Putting on the Academy Awards is a major undertaking, as first-time Oscar producing pair Bill Mechanic and Adam Shankman are learning. They've agreed to offer occasional updates on the day-to-day challenges of putting on the big show.

With three weeks to showtime, Shankman and Mechanic are working around the clock to execute their vision for the 82nd annual Academy Awards.

"The words 'all hell breaks loose' come to mind," Shankman says.

The challenges? Locking down the presenters. Finalizing the clips. Perfecting the production numbers.

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XXI Winter Olympics

Tonight in Vancouver, hardware is doled out in men's figure skating, in which 19-year-old Ottawa native and 2009 world silver medalist Patrick Chan hopes to emerge from a wide open field. In men's hockey, Sidney Crosby and the Canadian team figure to make easy work of Switzerland, while elsewhere on the ice, Kevin Martin and the Canada men's curling team goes up against Sweden. In speed skating, Canadian Christine Nesbitt goes for gold in the 1,000m. 6 PM on 7 CT, 104 CTV



The Nature of Things

The new episode "Uakari: Secrets of the Red Monkey" follows scientist Mark Bowler into the Peruvian rain forest in search of an elusive creature that has never been filmed in the wild. Uakari monkeys live high in the trees and play a key role in the rain forest's ecosystem, as they are the only creatures that can release the seedpods of the aguaje palm, an important part of many species' diets. 8 PM on 8 CBC

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Pairing problems

Ever wonder what food goes with what wine? A new website makes it easy to properly pair your meal with wine. The site offers you lots of options in a handy drop down menu and suggestions on what works best. foodandwinepairing.org. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Signature Dish: Steak et Frites (\$25)
Rating: ★★
Dinner for two with wine: \$80

Von's is a casual, neighbourhood-friendly bistro in the Glebe that's been a local hangout for more than 25 years. However, the food seems stuck in its fusion heyday.

On a sunny afternoon, I enjoyed lunch with a friend and ordered the Vegetable Soup (\$4.50). Hokey smoke, a Bullwinkle-shaped pasta peeked out from the broth, providing a smile for an otherwise average soup.

I ordered the always popular Maui Chicken Salad (\$9) garnished with pineapple, walnuts and claiming a nine-spice curry dressing. The crunch of the nuts and the sweetness of the fruit carried the salad but the dressing lacked interest and flavour.

Returning for dinner another week, we started



Steak et Frites (\$25).

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with the Chicken Spring Rolls (\$8), which were tasty, crispy and filled full with chicken, and ready to dip in the sweet but spicy

dipping sauce. As for the signature Steak et Frites (\$25), the steak was ordinary and the frites were flaccid.

The Wild Boar Chop (\$32) came with a delicious sweet fig and apricot compote, but the chop was boiling and the vegetables were buttery and overcooked.

The disappointments didn't end. The Carrot Cake (\$6), chosen from a list on the chalkboard-painted pillar, tasted of the refrigerator and the frosting had no taste.

The many wines by the glass and the friendly service save Von's from extinction, but a makeover is due.

Dining out

CHEZ LUCIEN Serving gourmet burgers and other pub fare, this out-of-the-way restaurant on the other side of Dalhousie St. in the Byward Market is a popular local hang-out. It offers a great selection of micro brew that goes well with the Chez Lucien burger that's topped with bacon, cream cheese and

mushrooms. 137 Murray St., (613) 241-3533

THE MANX The Manx is another pub with character and ambience that fills fast. Located below ground level, it's a cozy spot to enjoy a curry lamb wrap and a local brew such as Beau's All-Natural LUG•TREAD. 370 Elgin St., (613) 231-2070

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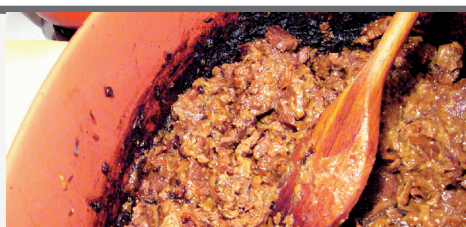
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**OLYMPIC RECIPES****Pizza Potato Skin Luges****INGREDIENTS:**

4 large baking potatoes, scrubbed
125 ml (1/2 cup) pizza sauce
24 small slices of pepperoni (about 60 g/2 oz)
125 ml (1/2 cup) sliced mushrooms (optional)
250 ml (1 cup) shredded pizza-blend cheese
Picked hot pepper rings (optional)

METHOD:

1. Prick potatoes all over with a fork. Place on a baking sheet in a 200 C (400 F) oven for about 1 hour or until tender. Alternatively, cook in microwave on high for about 10 minutes.

2. Let potatoes cool slightly until they can be handled. Using a serrated knife, cut each potato in half and scoop out some of the potato, leaving about 1-cm (1/2-inch) wall all around. Reserve the inside of the potato for another use. Place potato halves onto parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

3. Spread each with pizza sauce. Top with pepperoni and mushrooms, if using, and sprinkle with cheese. Alternatively, drizzle with butter and top with bacon and sprinkle with Tex-Mex cheese.

4. Place baking sheet in a 200 C (400 F) oven for about 20 minutes or until golden and crisp. Sprinkle with hot pepper rings or green onion, if using.

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Tila Tequila and ex-boyfriend Shawne Merriman have settled their legal disputes with each other, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Tequila had accused the San Diego Chargers footballer of assaulting her during an altercation at his home in November. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

A simple wedding

FITTING, AS THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF HUMBLE COUNTRY FOLK If you are hoping for an over-the-top platinum wedding when Nicole Richie and Joel Madden tie the knot this summer, you should think again. Friends of the couple tell popeater.com to expect a simple classic ceremony — with no Paris Hilton in sight.

"Nicole wants to keep the ceremony to close friends

and family. It will be traditional with a simple white dress and very private," a Richie pal told the website. "Lionel Richie will give her away. However,

old BFF Paris Hilton will not be a bridesmaid." The couple, who have been dating since December 2006, are said to have decided it was time to say "I do" following the tragic death of Richie's childhood friend, Casey Johnson. "The awful event made Nicole realize how happy she was being a mother and how happy she will be to finally call herself a wife," a source added.

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Nothing gonna keep her down

NOT EVEN A JERKY EX BOYFRIEND. YOU GO, GIRL! Rihanna thinks people perceive her to be a "b—" femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer says her shy side is often mistaken for rudeness because she isn't always open and chatty when she meets new people.

"I don't really open up to a lot of people, usually I go very quiet," she told WPGC

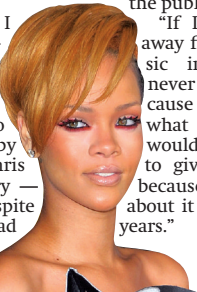
radio. "I just don't feel I have to be that enthusiastic if I don't know who you are yet."

Rihanna — who was assaulted by then-boyfriend Chris Brown last February — also said that, despite the incident, she had never considered stepping out of

the public eye.

"If I could step away from the music industry? I'd never do that because I really love what I do and it would be a shame to give this away because I dreamt about it for so many years."

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Marriage: great for your sex life

THERE'S NOTHING HOTTER THAN FARTING IN BED AND FLOSSING YOUR TEETH TOGETHER Valentine's Day apparently isn't over yet. Celebrating her first wedding anniversary next month,

newlywed Natasha Bedingfield is "loving" being a Mrs. and enjoying the perks of being married — including a steamy sex life, reports people.com. "The best thing about being a married woman is sleeping naked everyday," Bedingfield said. And still liking the guy

that I'm with."

Though clothing may be optional for the British singer-songwriter, 28, she says the romance between her and California businessman husband Matthew Robinson is spicier than ever.

"He keeps the romance alive," she added.

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Mayer won't be jumping on Oprah's couch

DID ANYONE ACTUALLY READ THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE? CONTEXT, PEOPLE John Mayer may need to rehabilitate his image after his remarkably candid Playboy interview, but he won't be able to do it on Oprah Winfrey's couch.

"Oprah is the smartest

person on TV and will not let John use her or her show to ask for forgiveness," sources tell Popeater.

"If John really wants to apologize for his racist and sexist

comments, he should find somewhere else. The only way Oprah, who is a dear friend of Jennifer Aniston, would ever book him is if John were interested in having a much deeper conversation about race, women and fame."

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Locking up every juicy detail

SO THERE ARE WORSE THINGS BEYOND THE HEAD SHAVING, UNDERWEAR SWIMMING AND DRIVING WITH HER BABY IN HER LAP? AWESOME Lawyers for Britney Spears are working to have medical records and other personal information for the singer and her two young sons sealed, according to legal papers obtained by TMZ. "Photographs and personal information, particular-

ly information of a highly confidential nature (such as personal medical information of Ms. Spears and her children), can potentially reap thousands if not millions of dollars," the documents state.

"The possibility of such enormous profits presents a substantial risk that Ms. Spears' most confidential medical and personal information will be disclosed."

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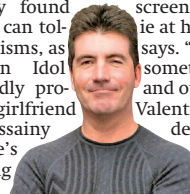


Simon calls Mezghan over

10 POINTS IF YOU CAN SAY HER NAME CORRECTLY ON THE FIRST TRY Looks like Simon Cowell finally found someone who can tolerate his criticisms, as the American Idol judge reportedly proposed to girlfriend Mezghan Hussainy on Valentine's Day, according

to Australia's Herald Sun. "Simon may come across as Mr. Nasty on screen but he's a big softie at heart," a source says. "He wanted to do something unexpected and out of character on Valentine's Day and decided to splash out on a ring."

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Gerard does the mambo

HORIZONTAL OR NOT A week after celebrating Jennifer Aniston's birthday in Mexico, Gerard Butler was spotted all over Rio de Janeiro this week for Carnival with a selection of attractive women, sources tell Page Six.

First there was a Brazilian soap star and Rita Guedes, followed by a sequin-clad

brunette and newly single Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger, whom Butler chatted up on the beach. While in Brazil, the Scotsman also managed to find time to socialize with Madonna and her companion, Jesus Luz.

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Bill Clinton is his idol

BUT FOR HIS CIGAR HOLDING NOT HIS POLITICS Frederic von Anhalt, self-proclaimed European royalty and Zsa Zsa Gabor's eighth husband, is planning to run for governor of California, according to the Associated Press.

"I went through lots of things, lots of scan-

dals, but that was yesterday, that's old news," von Anhalt says. "Look at what Bill Clinton did in the White House. That was bad, but he got away with it. America gives you a break."

If elected, he says he will legalize marijuana and prostitution and lift the ban on Cuban cigars.

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CelebTweets

LINDSAY LOHAN has her coping techniques, **DANNY MASTERTSON** is reminiscing, **NEIL GAIMAN** is trying to pace himself, and **NEIL DIAMOND** is looking for a little help.

@lindsaylohan ignoring real world issues/reality

@dannymasterson I miss heath ledger.

@neilhimself Knocking off early, otherwise I'll get further into this script and look up and it'll be 6 am again. G'nite all & bald Watcher on the Moon.

@NeilDiamond Anybody out there got a funny joke I can send in one tweet?

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Their living arrangements are still under review

YET MORE TIGER GOSSIP As much as she's said to be interested in fixing their marriage, Elin Nordegren isn't quite ready to move back into Tiger Woods' Florida home, sources tell Radar Online.

"Tiger wants her to move back home with him but so far she has said no," the source says. "She's not ready and she just doesn't trust him."

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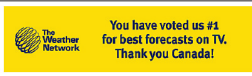
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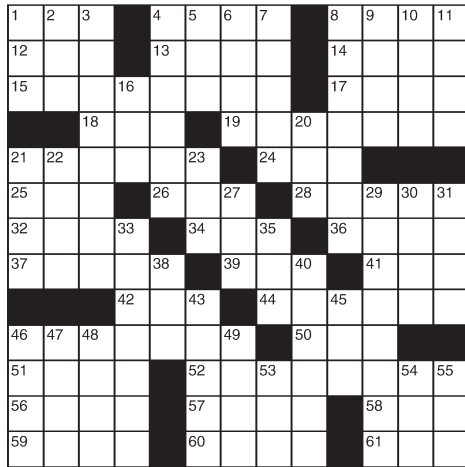
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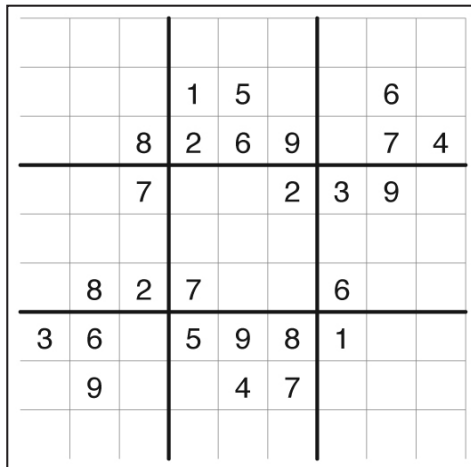
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



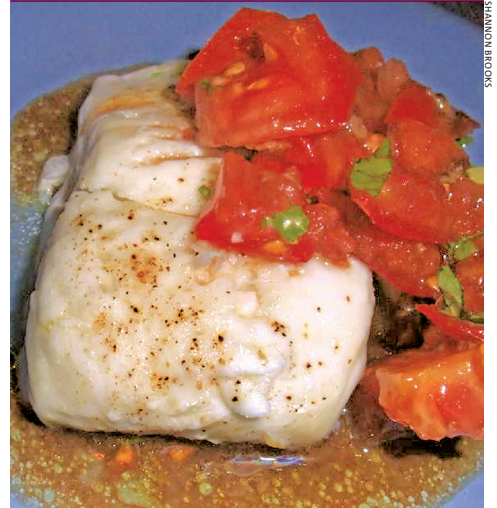
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Halibut with Fresh Tomato Sauce

Submitted by Tammy Roy, St. Thomas, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 lemon, juice
- 1 tbsp garlic, minced
- 4 halibut steaks
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- salt and pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Combine tomatoes, basil, olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice and garlic in a bowl. Set aside.
2. Rub fish with vegetable oil and season with salt and pepper.

3. Grill fish over medium-high fire about 5 minutes per side or until fish springs back when pushed with a finger.
4. If a barbecue is not available, cook on hot oil in a skillet for 3 minutes on each side and then put the skillet in the oven and cook for an extra 5-10 minutes.
5. Spoon some tomato sauce on 4 plates.
6. Put fish on sauce.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

The Sun enters the most reclusive area of your chart today, so make some time for yourself, if only to sit and think about the direction you want your life to go.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Cosmic activity in and around the area of your chart that is said to govern both your work and your health is a sign that it is time to slow down a bit.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

If you want to reach your life's goal you have to join forces with those who share similar ambitions.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

With the Sun moving into your fellow Water sign of Pisces today the next few weeks are going to be a lot of fun.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

With the Sun crossing the important midheaven angle of your chart what you do for other people now will be done for you ten times over.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

It is of the utmost importance that you face up to your responsibilities, especially on the home front where loved ones are counting on you to take the lead.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You are advised not to complain too loudly if you are forced to do something against your will over the next 24 hours.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Cosmic activity in the most sociable area of your chart means you can charm the birds out of the trees if you want to over the next few days.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Financial issues of one sort or another are about to take center stage and you must not let yourself worry about them.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

The past few weeks have been hectic and the next few weeks won't see much of a slow down either.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Do whatever it takes to stay on the right side of loved ones. Fortunately, this should not be too difficult now that the Sun is moving into your opposite sign.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20

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